

PLANTERS HOTEL MADE HISTORY IN ST. LOUIS; WAS 105 YEARS OLD

ST. LOUIS.—The Planters' hotel, for the first time in 105 years, has stopped receiving guests.

The old hotel in which history was made will be converted into an office building after January 1, and it was decided late this afternoon to receive no more registrations, so there would be ample time to dispose of valuable furnishings, and wind up all affairs of the famous hotel.

The permanent guests were notified of the decision by Everett L. Good, manager. C. C. Nelson, president, announced that the doors would be locked as soon as the last of the three hundred guests had found other quarters.

Planters Gather in Winter.

The hotel is replete with tradition of the Southland. It was here the planters, particularly in the '40s and '50s, brought their families for the winter months. At day the men gathered at the bar, while the women quilted, and at night the guests danced the minuet and Virginia reel, while across the street, slaves waiting to be sold, listened to the strains of the music that floated through the chilly air.

The original Planters' hotel, a 2-story frame structure, was opened in 1817. In 1841 a 4-story structure was built and the name changed to the "Planters' house." In 1894 the present building was completed at a cost of \$1,800,000, under its original name, "Planters' hotel."

The Civil War brought stirring moments to the history. Here Frank P. Blair and Nathaniel Lyon conferred preceding the capture of Camp Jackson, May 10, 1861. June 11, 1861, the conference resulting in the fight of "brother against brother" in Missouri was held at the Planters, when Lyon dramatically declared his loyalty to the North and departed to enlist Missourians in the federal army.

A Political Background.

With the reconstruction days, the Planters became a political battle ground, and the hotel it said to have had a generous share in every political campaign since 1870.

Records show that the following signed the hotel's register:

President Van Buren, Lincoln, Grant, Cleveland, Roosevelt and Taft; King Edward VII, then prince of Wales; Charles Dickens and General Lafayette. Almost every army general from the beginning of the nineteenth century to Gen. Pershing, has been a guest of the hotel, it was said. Dickens wrote of the hotel in his American notes.

There are enough motor vehicles in the United States to take the entire population for a ride at one time.

JAMES C. PENNEY CARRIES \$3,000,000 LIFE INSURANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—James C. Penney, who 20 years ago was the proprietor of a clothing store at Kemmerer, Wyo., today is carrying life insurance exceeding by only two other men.

From the tiny store he opened in Wyoming, Penney built up a chain of establishments that today extends into 29 states. His stores—there are 374 of them—had sales last year exceeding \$50,000,000.

Penney's annual premiums will approximate \$120,000. Redman Wanamaker carries \$4,500,000 life insurance and Pierre DuPont's policies total \$4,000,000.

JAIL TERM TO BE PENALTY FOR INDECENT DANCING IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—New York is washed by a temperance reform wave. Proprietors of 400 public dance halls were warned by Mrs. George W. Loft, Deputy Police Commissioner, that they would be jailed unless they put a stop to "indecent, demoralizing dancing."

"We have tried to regulate dancing with women police," said Mrs. Loft, "and we have failed. The regular police, therefore, have been ordered to arrest proprietors and floor managers who permit violations of the dancing rules we have made."

"Cheek to cheek dancing and movements known as the scandal walk, the cradle rock, the Chicago camel, the syncope shimmy and the chicken shakes are terrible. They must cease."

WEDDINGS

The marriage of William Davidson, prominent farmer of Pleasant Hill and Mrs. Anna Waller of Mexico took place at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon in the study at the Christian Church, the Rev. F. W. Emerson performing the ceremony. Mrs. Emma Bishop and Mrs. Geo. Younger were present at the wedding. Following the ceremony, the couple left immediately for Pleasant Hill where the bridegroom is manager of a 600 acre farm.

The ledger joins the friends of this splendid couple in extending congratulations and best wishes.

The condition of Judge E. A. Shannon who recently underwent an operation at Audrain Hospital, continues to improve.

HARDING WANTS BETTER DRY ENFORCEMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C. December 9.—The efforts of the wets to amend the \$9,000,000 appropriation of the Prohibition Enforcement Unit carried in the annual Treasury Supply Bill, collapsed completely in the House.

The amendments sponsored by Representative Hill of Maryland and Tinkham of Massachusetts, intended to limit the activities of the enforcement officers, commanded only a handful of votes, most of them having the support alone of these two leading wets. The wet proposals, were offered immediately after the President had ended his address to Congress in joint session, in which, among other things, he declared for a strict enforcement of the prohibition law. The confidence of the wets which marked their wholesale attack yesterday and appeared to give hope of a substantial vote for the amendments disappeared with the President's appeal.

MCM. TO DEBATE MONTGOMERY CITY HERE DEC. 21

The first debate of the season for the McMillan High School team will be at 2:30 Thursday afternoon December 21 with the Montgomery City High School team in the High School Auditorium here.

McMillan will uphold the affirmative of the question: "Resolved that the Government Should Own and Operate the Coal Mines." The local team will be composed of Hollis Hagard and John Steinman.

Miss Sarah Culbertson is coaching the McMillan speakers.

URGES CHURCH IN POLITICS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—A campaign to enlist fifty thousand preachers, and through them 40 million church members to take an active part in the 1924 presidential election, was announced last night by the Rev. J. C. Glover Monson, editor of the Minister's Monthly.

The plan, he said, would embrace organization of the Christian Voters' League and the holding of a national convention here prior to the presidential nominating conventions.

The churches, he said, would demand presidential candidates pledged to favor their stand on international relations, enforcement of prohibition and the industrial issues between capital and labor.

McMillan Girls "Dress Up"

Paris had "nothing on" the girls of McMillan High School Tuesday afternoon, for long skirts, earrings and extreme coiffures were the order of the day. The boys of this school often delight in observing "overall" day etc., but the girls when their term comes for "dressing up" follow vogue.

J. A. Oliver of Columbia was a zoologist and professor in Harvard, Mexico visitor Monday.

Toreador Trousers Find Favor With McM. Students

Pragmatism and magazine writers now should turn their attention from the flapper, who for several years has received many prizes from their sharp pens and concentrate for a while on the follies of the cake eater, tea hound, bun chaser or whatever term for the masculine equivalent of flapper they consider most appropriate. The flapper by the way for the last month or two has turned into a most demure miss indeed with trailing skirts and sophisticated looking earrings while her brother has become more and more frivolous. Hair worn so long that it has the appearance of being bobbed, hats which look like they had been sat upon and bell bottom trousers have all received his stamp of approval, but perhaps the thing which is most in favor just now is the toreador trouser or peon pants,

as the student in the western university where they were first introduced called them.

These trousers which are usually of velvet or corduroy are tight around the waist and knee and flare at the bottom and are reminiscent of bull fights, Mexican serenade and Rudolph Valentino. The trousers are often trimmed in buttons and braid around the bottom. Rumors that American youth were favoring this rather barbaric fashion have been heard for several weeks but now they have arrived at McMillan High School have appeared at school wearing the new fad. At first they were the object of jest by their friends but they evinced indifference and now their envious friends have followed suit and the fashion is gaining in popularity.

CAR OWNERS TAKE PLEDGE

Seventy in a Church Congregation Promise to Obey Laws. (Kansas City Star)

The motoring element of Mt. Washington Methodist church took the pledge Sunday. Seventy persons stood and repeated, in unison, this pledge after the pastor, the Rev. James Hamilton Cleaves:

In the future, as long as I drive a car, I will obey the traffic laws of the state, and of the city, and will endeavor to induce others to do the same.

Mr. Cleaves came from Slater, Mo., to the pastorate of the Mt. Washington church ten weeks ago. In that time, he told his congregation yesterday morning, he has been impressed with the number of seemingly avoidable deaths and injuries, resulting from traffic accidents.

"Besides being a humanitarian thing to avoid injuring your fellow-man—it is one of the requisites of getting to heaven," he said. "Obey all the laws of nation, city good Christian."

After his preliminary remarks, Mr. Cleaves asked all of his congregation, approximately 175, who drove motor cars, to stand.

The seventy stood. "Be seated," Mr. Cleaves directed, after counting the standing persons. "Now, all who are willing to take a traffic laws pledge, please stand up again."

The seventy arose, none declining the pledge. With right hands upraised, the motorists repeated the pledge in unison as the pastor read it off in broken sentences.

William Meldrum of Fulton spent Monday in Mexico.

J. R. Eckenberger of Columbia came to Mexico Monday.

Each molecule of the gases of the air in the house on a still day is traveling faster than rifle bullet and is turned from its course 5 billion times every second by collisions with other molecules in the air.

There are olive trees still living that have been yielding crops for centuries.

Louis Agassiz, the world famous

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